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AND SUAREZ CONUNDRUM

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1. RUIZ GIMENEZ AND THE OTHERS ON THE CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC TEAM VISITING THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE KNOWN
THEIR CURRENT APPRECIATION OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION
DURING THEIR CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON. BUT FOR THE
RECORD RUIZ GIMENEZ TOLD EMBOFF PRIOR TO DEPARTURE THAT THE
AREILZA RESIGNATION WAS A MATTER OF SOME CONCERN. WITHOUT
GOING INTO THE MODALITIES OF WHAT SUAREZ MIGHT DO, RUIZ
GIMENEZ SAID HE HOPED SUARES WOULD NOT MAKE THE MISTAKE
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OF TAKING ON TOO PARTISAN A ROLE. THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS
AND EVERYONE ELSE IN THE CENTER (AND PERHAPS EVEN THE
PSOE) WERE READY TO AGREE TO A CONSTITUTIONAL PACT
WITH SUAREZ THAT WOULD SUBSUME AGREEMENT NOT ONLY ON
SUAREZ RETENTION AS PRIME MINISTER THROUGH THE CON-
STITUENT PARLIMENT, BUT ALSO ON THE MAIN LINES OF
CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM. WITH THIS IN HAND IT WOULD NOT

BE NECESSARY FOR SUAREX TO GO OUT AND CREAT HIS OWN
POLITICAL GROUP, SOMETHING THAT WOULD CAUSE FRICTION
WITHIN THE CENTER, ANGER THE PSOE AND, PRHAPS BECAUSE
DOUBTS TO BE RAISED ABOUT THE PURITY OF THE
PROCESS. HE RATHER HOPED SUAREZ WOULD COME AROUND TO THE
IDEA OF IDENTIFYING HIMSELF WITH THIS CONSTITUTIONAL
PACT. WHICH WOULD BE ENOUGH OF A INDICATION TO AN ELECTORATE
THAT SUAREZ WAS A MAN OF THE CENTER.

2. THIS OF COURSE TALLIES WITH OTHER INDICATIONS FROM
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC FIGURES (REF) AND RUNS CONTRAY TO
THE SPECULATION THAT THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS ARE ON
BOARD BEHIND A POLITICAL OPERATION IN WHICH SUAREZ WOULD
BECOME A PARTISAN LEADER OF A SPECIFIC DEFINED
ELECTORAL GROUPING . AT THE SAME TIME IT CONFIRMS AGAIN WHAT THE
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC TEAM HOPES TO WORK OUT AN OUTCOME
THAT WOULD KEEP SUAREZ IN THE PRIME MINISTRY AND LEADING
A CENTRIST APPROACH TO A NEW CONSTITUTION.EATON

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